

Hyde Park. Oct 30/71.

Dear brother Garrison

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First of all I want to have some definite information about all of you, especially William wife & baby - dear Fannie is in Europe I suppose, how is her husband? Love to Helen, who, I hear is well.

Now to a subject near my heart - Mr William Birney, who now resides in Florida, has been making us a visit - she says that the poor negroes in their neighborhood have all lost their

crops by a terrible tornado, the cotton fields look as if a conflagration had passed over them <sup>some of</sup> the negroes were gathering the mouldy corn in canoes, the flood not having subsided into the neighboring lakes. I have collected what I could here for these destitute forgotten ones of cast off garments, but what are they among so many. Now dear brother can you tell me of any colored ladies in Boston, or vicinity to whom I can write, who would take hold & collect clothing. I know Chicago has swallowed up almost every thing but much that would be too old for

the whites our colored friends would  
be glad to get -

The summer has flown  
by & we have not been cheered by a vis-  
it from you, may be the right time  
will come next summer -

J. H. & I. join me in love to you  
all - Yours affly.

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